

MR. WICKE THINKS HE HAS THE REMEDY.

Blight May be Eradicated With
Borax Water.

SO CAN THE LITTLE LADY BIRDS.

A Specimen Tree That Has Been Plucked
From the Dying-Larvae Suck the Sub-
stance From the Tree—A New Theory of
Tree Culture—Discovery of Coconut Worm.

An advertisement in this paper the other day called attention of planters to the fact that the blight may be removed from trees of nearly every kind of tree infested by it on the islands without the help of the lady bird.

The ad. was inserted by J. D. Wicke, the well-known cabinet maker on Alakea street, and while his plan may not be endorsed by the scientist, or even the coffee growers, it at least has the stamp of originality about it. A reporter for the advertiser called on Mr. Wicke Friday for the purpose of learning if possible what Mr. Wicke's plan is. In this reporter was successful, and more too, he learned that Mr. Wicke was willing to give his information to the planters without money and without price.

After he had ascertained that the reporter was neither a coffee man or a blightologist Mr. Wicke led the reporter to a door leading to an alley separating his shop from the Y. M. C. A. building and pointed to a hoia bush well leaved and fairly well covered with the mealy bug. Ants were playfully running in zigzag trails up and down the tree stock and incidentally carrying up more blight. In spots here and there was the larvae of the lady bird, some of them just emerging into the crawling state while others were in the earliest stage. Pointing to these Mr. Wicke said:

"The information I have was obtained by close observation of this tree which was perfectly green and healthy before the lady birds deposited their larvae there. After they were there for a few weeks the leaves began to fall off and the tree looked as though it would die. At that time it was quite full of this cottony substance. After ten days of close watch I decided that the cause of the bush dying was the fact that the lady bird larvae sucked the substance from the tree and sickened it."

"I have an abiding faith in borax, just plain borax, because I have accomplished some wonderful cures with it and I believed the use of it diluted in water was the remedy and I tried it. Where you see the tree green and flourishing I scraped off the lady bird larvae and washed the branches with borax water."

But why did you not wait and see if the lady bird would not remain and clean off the blight?

"Because I do not believe the lady birds will eat each other; and the minute these lady birds or the crawling things exchange their legs for wings they fly away. And even if they remained there's no fear of their eating up their young and the young of the lady bird is what is destroying the trees of the islands."

When it was suggested that the lady birds has been brought here at considerable expense and had rid the country of certain characters of blight Mr. Wicke said:

"I am not a scientific man and I am glad if for I might be persuaded to let these miserable things remain; they may eat up some blight, but there are others they will not eat, they simply live on the sap of the tree until they are old enough to fly away and start blighting another tree."

"This discovery of mine is of no value to me except for the pleasure it gives me to know that a man who follows my advice will have strong healthy trees if the ground is healthy, of course if the ground is played out he will have to use fertilizer."

Then you would recommend what, Mr. Wicke?

"Simply this," he replied, "when you notice a scale like this appearing on your tree scrape it off and wash the tree in a solution of borax and the blight will never appear again."

But you must consider, Mr. Wicke, that on some plantations there are more than a thousand trees to an acre and some planters have seventy or eighty acres planted. Would you recommend a borax bath to each individual tree?

"Certainly, wherever these lady birds are just coming into their final shape; the expense is nothing considering the result. A Japanese laborer, or any number of them, could go round with a stiff brush and a pail of the solution and wash the trees in no time. If the planter wishes, he can adopt the lady bird plan and take chances on losing his trees."

"From my experience in the use of borax on this and other trees I am satisfied that when a tree is once cleaned with the borax water, and if the soil and roots of the tree are healthy, the blight will not return for many years. It seems to me that it is better and cheaper for a planter to go to the expense of the borax treatment than to dilly dally with lady birds."

Do you think the borax would have any effect upon the beetles?

"That I do not know. I am told the beetles are fewer this year than last. If this is really the case it is because there is less rubbish and dirt of the kind they breed in than before. It's the rubbish that breeds the worms first and afterward they become beetles and other ravaging pests. We were once worms ourselves—"

And pests now, ventured the reporter.

"I will not admit that, but I will tell you something that will surprise you. I can make a worm appear right here in the air. I know you don't believe it, but I can. How? I will take an ordinary coconut fresh from the tree

where it has not had an opportunity to become contaminated by the earth, and of that I will produce worms inside of ten days by simply wrapping it in a cloth and keeping the air from it. I will take another coconut from the same tree, wash it with borax water and otherwise treat it exactly as I do the other, and the worms will fail to materialize. Does this not prove the efficacy of borax? I was in hopes when I inserted the ad. in the paper that coffee men and owners of trees infested with blight would call around and see what the remedy is, but they don't want to learn."

KILOHANA ART LEAGUE. Fall Exhibition Dates Announced. New Members.

At a special meeting of the League held last night the following dates were set for the fall exhibition. Contributions of members will be received at the Art League rooms on Hotel street, on November 7th. Varnishing day is set for November 16th, and the first view will be held on the evening of that day.

The following persons were elected to active membership: Mrs. Helen Kelley, Miss Bessie Foster French and Miss May Beckwith.

The regular annual meeting for the election of officers for the coming year and the transaction of other important business will be held on Thursday evening, October 15th.

FOOLISHNESS DIDN'T LAST

And All Good Mani Citizens Returned
Their Blanks.

Another Society Engagement—Ice Machine
at Kahului—Party at
Spreckelsville.

MAUI, Oct. 10.—An episode of the recent census on Maui is very amusing. Pauwela, a hamlet near Haiku, is a stronghold of native royalists. Just previous to Sept. 27th a meeting of the village worthies was held, a committee appointed and instructed to make a house to house canvass, calling each householder's attention to the census about to be taken and enjoining them to take no action in regard to filling out the blanks. But the whole affair was a fiasco—"a game of bluff"—for on Sept. 28th the deputy received every paper properly filled out without any difficulty whatever; the committee men "crawled" completely and acted like all other good and worthy citizens.

Last evening, the 9th, a dancing party was given in Spreckelsville hall in honor of Mrs. E. D. Baldwin of Hilo, at present a guest at Haiku. Chemist Sanborn and the assistant chemist furnished excellent music on the piano and violin. Dancing continued until 2 a. m.

The engagement of Miss Kate Fleming to W. E. Nichol of Hamakua is announced.

A large poi manufactory is being built by J. W. Kalua in Wailuku just over the bridge toward Waiehu.

Last evening, the 9th, George Hone gave the Stars of Honolulu an informal reception at his residence in Wailuku. Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th, a magic lantern exhibition was given by S. E. Taylor in the Hamakua church as a benefit to the Salvation Army. Their carriage needed repairing and Mr. Taylor kindly consented to assist them.

Mr. and Mrs. Awana of Makawao have recently departed for a short visit to China.

The Kihai mail route is a great boon to mauka Makawao people.

Antone Fiteiro, the well-known clerk of the Hamakua store, had a runaway two Sundays ago. His horse becoming frightened began to kick—and not only broke the harness to pieces, but Antone's collar-bone.

The news of Judge S. L. Austin's death was received with much regret by Maui friends. Judge Austin possessed the character and manliness of an ideal gentleman.

Mrs. Tomes has been delivering Husted's directory during the week. Maui is to have it at last. By the next vessel from the coast Messrs. Bailey and Wadsworth of Kahului expect an ice machine capable of manufacturing one ton every 24 hours. A gasoline engine is used for power.

Mesdames H. B. Bailey and L. M. Zumwalt are at Olinda house.

Kahului harbor is clear of shipping. Weather—Showers.

THE MARSEILLAISE HYMN.

(Joseph Rouget de Lisle, 1792.)

Ye sons of freedom wake to glory!

Hark! hark! what myriads bid you rise!

Your children, wives, and grandfathers hoary,

Behold their tears and hear their cries!

Shall hateful tyrants, mischief breeding,

With hireling hosts, a ruffian band,

Affright and desolate the land.

While peace and liberty lie bleeding?

To arms! to arms! ye brave!

The avenging sword unsheathe;

March on! march on! all hearts resolved

On victory or death.

Now, the dangerous storm is rolling,

Which treacherous kings confederate raise;

The dogs of war, let loose, are howling,

And let our fields and cities lay;

And shall we gravely view the ruin,

While the lawless force, with guilty stride,

Spreads desolation far and wide.

With crimes and lood his hands embroiling,

To arms! to arms! ye brave!

Th' avenging sword unsheathe;

March on! march on! all hearts resolved

On victory or death.

STARS WIN FROM THE MAUI TEAM.

Poor Grounds Interfered With
Fielding Operations

PERCY LISHMAN PLAYED WELL

Star Boys Well Entertained by Their Opponents.
Time Made Enjoyable by Hospitality of Maui
Citizens—Lahaina Players May Challenge
Victors—Game Will Come off Here.

The triumphal tour of the Star base ball team to Maui ended with the arrival of the Claudine yesterday morning.

The boys left here by the Kinai on Friday and arrived at Malaee bay about 8 o'clock. Here they were met by a delegation of the Maui club and escorted by teams across country. The Star team divided up and spent the night with friends in Wailuku, two of them, Carter and Ross being entertained at Halekalea Ranch by W. F. Pogue, returning to Wailuku in the morning in time to take the special train for Kahului, provided by the Kahului R. R. Co.

The grounds were crowded with people and the game was closely contested. The Star boys were placed at a disadvantage owing to their not being familiar with the grounds. Instead of being level, as the League grounds are, they were rough and uneven and covered with a high growth of grass. Under these conditions fielding was difficult, but when it came to fly balls the Star boys were found underneath.

The feature of the game was Percy Lishman's foul catches. Of the seven captured by him one was a long way off from his base, but he ran down among the carriages in time to get it.

Owing to a disagreement among the Maui boys, all of the team selected to

play did not take part, several Lahaina men withdrawing. It is believed by the Star players that if the original team had played fewer runs would have been made. It was rumored that the Lahaina contingent would send a challenge down to the Stars, but it is doubtful if it will be accepted to play away from Honolulu, as the boys do not think it right to ask for another vacation.

The treatment accorded the Stars during the trip is pronounced by all to have been excellent. Every provision was made for their comfort and enjoyment. All the expenses after leaving the steamer were paid by the Maui club, and as the Wilder S. S. Co. made special excursion rates from here, the expense to the local players was slight. Following are the names of the players:

STARS.

H. Wilder, catcher.
L. Hart, pitcher.
C. Willis, first base.
T. Pryce, second base.
P. Lishman, third base.
W. Wilder, short stop.
D. McNicol, center field.
D. Ross, left field.
S. Woods, right field.

MAUI.

Akina, catcher.
C. Bailey, pitcher.
George Cummings, first base.
C. Chillingworth, second base.
H. Mossman, third base.
James Ross, short stop.
Meheula, left field.
D. Kanaranui, center field.
Rosecrans, right field.

Morris Keohakaloie accompanied the boys as umpire at the request of the Maui team. He was the only umpire during the game. The score was 16 to 12 in favor of the Stars.

Welcomed Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Isenberg returned from a five months' visit to Germany by the Doric and proceeded to Kaui the same day. On arrival at their home they were warmly welcomed by their friends and the employees of the plantation. This was Mrs. Isenberg's first trip from the islands and she enjoyed every moment of the time she was away. While in Germany she found even her slight knowledge of German very useful and she took advantage of every opportunity she had to add to it. Mrs. Isenberg is a sister of Mrs. Campbell.

Bubbles or Medals.

"Best sarsaparilla." When you think of it how contradictory that term is. For there can be only one best in anything—one best sarsaparilla, as there is one highest mountain, one longest river, one deepest ocean. And that best sarsaparilla is—? There's the rub! You can measure mountain height and ocean depth, but how test sarsaparilla? You could if you were chemists. But then do you need to test it? The World's Fair Committee tested it,—and thoroughly. They went behind the label on the bottle. What did this sarsaparilla test result in? Every make of sarsaparilla shut out of the Fair, except Ayer's. So it was that Ayer's was the only sarsaparilla admitted to the World's Fair. The committee found it the best. They had no room for anything that was not the best. And as the best, Ayer's Sarsaparilla received the medal and awards due its merits. Remember the word "best" is a bubble any breath can blow; but there are pins to prick such bubbles. Those others are blowing more "best sarsaparilla" bubbles since the World's Fair pricked the old ones. True, but Ayer's Sarsaparilla has the medal. The pin that scratches the medal proves it gold. The pin that pricks the bubble proves it wind. We point to medals, not bubbles, when we say: The best sarsaparilla is Ayer's.

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